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SECTION I. PREPARATION FOR FLIGHT OF PSYCHOTIC PATIENTS.

1. Special preparation is necessary for psychotic patients requiring restraint before being sent for transportation by air.
2. Proper preparation of such patients will include:
 - a. Liquid diet twelve (12) hours prior to flight.
 - b. Enema to be given and completely expelled within a few hours prior to flight.
 - c. Use of constipating drugs as indicated.
 - d. Sedatives in sufficient quantities to insure adequate sedation during loading. Patients should be quiet or asleep during the loading process.
 - e. Special attention to be given oral and body cleanliness, and measures to combat dehydration.
3. All hospitals sending such patients for air transportation will insure that the above procedures are carried out.

SECTION II. DISPOSITION OF UNSERVICEABLE X-RAY TUBES.

1. Section III, ETO Circular 79, 10 June 1945, is being amended to delete par 16b(4) which lists x-ray tubes as an item containing platinum that is to be returned to the United States as precious metal. Procedures outlined below will be followed by all medical installations in the disposition of unserviceable x-ray tubes.
2. Unserviceable x-ray tube inserts (glass tube with cathode and anode inside) and item 9620900 X-ray Field Unit Tube, X-ray, which is the x-ray tube and the housing assembly for item 9608508, X-ray Field Unit, Machine, X-ray, 110-volt, 60-cycle, will be returned to medical depots to be replaced by a like serviceable item. Depots will dispose of unserviceable x-ray tubes as follows:

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a. Continental depots will ship to the Maintenance and Repair Shop at Depot M-407.

b. United Kingdom depots will ship to the Maintenance and Repair Shop at Depot M-424.

3. Maintenance and Repair Shops at M-407 and M-424 will salvage tube inserts under the provisions of ETO Circular 79 as scrap metal. X-ray tube housing assemblies on hand will be reported to this office periodically by depots M-407 and M-424. Upon receipt of such reports, this office will secure authority for return to the United States, where repair will be accomplished by the manufacturer.

SECTION III. ITEM 1416000, SODIUM BICARBONATE, 10 LB.

All previous instructions directing that item 1416000, Sodium Bicarbonate, 10 lb., as packed by Industrial Distributors, Inc., or R. J. Weber & Company be suspended from issue and use are herewith rescinded. All stocks of this item are released for issue and use. However, all medical units will destroy all quantities on hand and subsequently received bearing lot number AC-41 packed by Industrial Distributors, Inc. Samples of Sodium Bicarbonate of this lot number and manufacturer have been found to contain a very high percentage of boric acid.

By order of the Theater Chief Surgeon:

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